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TRANSFER POLICY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Department has a transfer policy for staff and officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the officers who have completed their tenure of posting at a hard station are eligible to be posted to the station of their choice;

(d) if so, whether the said norms of transfer policy are being violated in some cases;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for strictly implementation of transfer policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Defence Department comprises the three Armed forces, the Coast Guard and civilians, both at the officers` level and other ranks. The job description and the operational requirements of these groups are different and do not warrant a uniform transfer policy. Accordingly, the transfer policy for the various components of the Defence Department varies with the specific requirements of each unit, adhering to the principle of alternating tenures in difficult areas and stations with relatively less hardship, subject to service exigencies.

(c) to (f): On completion of a difficult tenure, posting to a choice station is normally considered, subject to operational and organizational requirements.